NEW START POLICY

Joliet Junior College affords returning students a one-time opportunity to correct poor past academic performance in order to reach new educational goals and objectives. To be eligible, the student cannot have attended any post-secondary educational institution for a minimum of 36 months immediately preceding re-enrollment at Joliet Junior College. After re-enrollment, the following criteria must be met:

1. The student earns at least 12 credit hours of 100+ level Joliet Junior College courses with a minimum GPA of 2.0/4.0.
2. The student completes a formal New Start Policy application, including a short essay which includes statement of the new commitment to success in this endeavor. (The student may share his/her reasons for past academic failure in this essay.)

Once the eligibility criteria have been met, the College’s designated administrator will review the application, and formally approve the recalculation of the GPA excluding the courses to be forgiven.

Under the New Start Policy, ALL previous grades and credits earned at Joliet Junior College prior to the minimum credit requirement of #1 will be forgiven, regardless of grades earned and/or relevance to present major.

(The course repeat policy will be in effect for courses required for both old and new program majors.)

The student transcripts will be adjusted as follows:

- “Forgiven” grades will remain, but be flagged as forgiven so the GPA does not include these grades;
- Transcript will clearly explain how new GPA is calculated with the New Start Policy.